

Solicitation No. 201707779

Question/Answer – Set No.4

Q1. In the mandatory evaluation criteria section on page 13 it states: "In the case where the Bidder and Lead Researcher are NOT the same individual, the Bidder must demonstrate that a minimum of one (1) year of the Lead Researcher's experience was on contract /subcontract or as an employee of the Bidder." What exactly does this mean? If we are bidding as a company and putting forward a lead researcher who is part of the company - does this scenario apply? In other words, if an employee of the company has been with the company for less than 1 year, does that make them ineligible to be a lead researcher?

A1 Based on the question, Canada assumes that this is in reference to criteria MT4-MT7.

Yes, the Lead Researcher must have a minimum of one (1) year experience of the specific evaluation criteria requirements as a contractor/subcontractor or employee of the Bidder. In the case of MT4, the Bidder would subsequently need to demonstrate that one year of the Lead Researcher's experience "in quantitative or qualitative research or analysis related to crime prevention and/or youth at risk of offending" was as an employee, contractor or subcontractor to the Bidder.

As per article C, Definitions in Part 4,

- i) **The Bidder** means the person or entity (organization) (or, in the case of a joint venture, the persons or entities) submitting a bid in response to this request for supply arrangement. It does not include the parent, subsidiaries or other affiliates of the Bidder.
- ii) **The "Lead Researcher" or "Lead Evaluator"** is the person, or individual resource, the Bidder proposes to be evaluated and is to be a proposed resource in any subsequent contract issued as a result of a supply arrangement request for proposal. The Lead Researcher or Lead Evaluator is often the employee, contractor or subcontractor to the Bidder.

Where the Bidder and the Lead Resource are different entities, this criterion ensures that the Bidder has the experience required in the evaluation criteria as well as an ongoing professional working relationship with the proposed Lead Researcher.

Q2. Is it possible to add two "lead researchers" to the submission? We feel that in order to capture the expertise provided by our organization we should list two researcher's project lists.

A2 For each work stream, Canada is evaluating only one Lead Researcher OR Lead Evaluator. A Bidder may not use or combine experiences of multiple resources to satisfy the criteria.

A Bidder may submit more than one proposal in response to this solicitation.